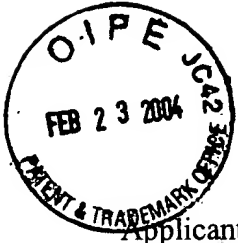


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AMENDMENT

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action mailed on October 20, 2003. Kindly consider the remarks below and amend the above-identified application as indicated.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.